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Blues Traveler, Andy Andy Highlight Hometown Holidays

No need to 'run-around' the Washington area looking for great outdoor live music on Memorial Day Weekend.

The Grammy Award-winning group "Blues Traveler" will perform in Rockville Town Center as part of the 18th annual Hometown Holidays Memorial Day Weekend celebration on Sunday, May 28. On Saturday evening, May 27, the downtown stages will feature multicultural music and local bands, including Dominican star Andy Andy.

All entertainment is free to the public.

The weekend of activities starts off on Saturday, May 27, featuring a mix of multicultural music and local bands, kids rides and games, the popular "Taste of Rockville" and a new "Market Place" featuring unique goods for sale.

Blues Traveler will perform live on the traditional



Dominican music star Andy Andy will headline Saturday night entertainment at Hometown Holidays.

main stage adjacent to East Montgomery Avenue on Sunday (May 28).

Award-winning Dominican vocalist Andy Andy will headline Saturday's diverse array of

musical entertainment, which also will feature the Wong Chinese Lion Dancers; the Soul In Motion Players, Inc.'s West African performances; The Crowdaddies; and the Reagan Years from 5-10 p.m. The entertainment also will include Kung Fu demonstrations. Andy is scheduled to play at 8:30 p.m.

The well-known and regionally-based "Kelly Bell Band" will open for Blues Traveler starting at 6:30 p.m. Blues Traveler is scheduled to play at 8:30 p.m. on Sunday.

On Saturday, May 27, from 5-10 p.m., along with great live music, crowds will enjoy food from some of the top area restaurants at the Taste of Rockville. The Saturday night entertainment mix will include multicultural music that has become highly popular in the area.

Bouncing, climbing and flying fun will be in store for kids as they enjoy a variety of rides and games while adults peruse the new "Market Place" of local merchants and artisans selling their wares.

On Sunday, May 28, Hometown Holidays will begin with the Ride for Rockville bicycle tour that will take riders throughout the City from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. From 2-10 p.m., the Taste of Rockville, kids rides and games and the Market Place return.

The weekend long celebration will culminate with the 62nd annual Rockville Memorial Day Parade on the morning of Monday, May 29. The parade follows the City's traditional Memorial Day ceremonies.

More details on Hometown Holidays Weekend activities and events are available in the special insert in this edition of *Rockville Reports* and on the City Web site at www.rockvillemd.gov/events/special/hth. **RR**

City Heads For Budget Adoption June 5

The Mayor and Council are expected to adopt Rockville's Fiscal Year 2007 operating and Capital Improvements Program budgets at their meeting of Monday, June 5. The final budgets will reflect preparation that started last fall by City staff, input expressed at two public hearings held by the Mayor and Council this spring and public Mayor and Council worksessions conducted in May.

On April 3, City Manager Scott Ullery presented to the Mayor and Council a proposed operating budget that would maintain Rockville's excellent basic services at their current levels, provide services to the new Rockville Town Center, restructure the City's water and sewer rates and expand the City's Low-Income Homeowner Tax Credit program. [See Page 2 for more details on the latter two items.]

The proposed FY07 budget for all funds is \$87.4 million, an overall 1.9 percent decrease from the FY06 adopted budget, which included a \$12.3 million repayment of short-term debt. Adjusting for that repayment, the FY07 proposed budget represents a 13.8 percent increase over the FY06 adopted budget. The General Fund, which supports the city's day-to-day operations, would grow to \$57.4 million, a 12.7 percent increase over the FY06 adopted budget.

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Much of the increase in General Fund core expenses would service the debt for Town Center public improvements and the three new parking garages being constructed in the revitalized downtown. General Fund operating expenditures would rise by only 3.5 percent.

The proposed all funds FY07 Capital Improvements Program of \$13.9 million would fund construction of the Thomas Farm Community Center, initial phases of Mattie J.T. Stepanek Park and new meeting and fitness rooms at the Rockville Municipal Swim Center. It also would fund ongoing programs such as street resurfacing, curb/gutter/sidewalk replacements and sewer line upgrades.

The entire proposed budget, and a summarized version that was printed in the May edition of *Rockville Reports*, are available on the City Web site at www.rockvillemd.gov. A summary of the final budget results will appear in July *Rockville Reports* on the City's Web site and on The Rockville Channel (cable channel 11). **RR**



SPROUTING A NEW LOOK... The public plaza in the center of Rockville Town Square has a unique look, thanks to a new 35-foot-tall sawtooth oak tree that was transplanted in May. The tree is located directly across the plaza from the new Rockville Library and is designed to give the area a distinctive feel. The 35,000-pound tree required a special root harnessing system and 100-ton crane to plant. It required specially designed structural soil and an underground irrigation and drainage system to maintain its growth. The tree is expected to double in size.

Art in Rockville Town Center

Artists' submissions for public art projects in the new Town Center are expected to be considered by Rockville's Mayor and Council on June 12.

To submit comments, visit www.rockvillemd.gov or visit City Hall before Wednesday, May 31.

This Month's Best of Rockville

3 Town Center Walking-Tours 45-minute walking tours of the new Rockville Town Square development. FREE. Call 240-314-8345 for more information or to reserve a tour time.

7, 14, 21, 28 Out to Lunch Wednesdays Free concert series and Farmers' Market every Wednesday during lunchtime in Town Center. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. East Montgomery Avenue. Call 240-314-5022 for more information.



12 City Hall Open House Commemorate the rededication of Rockville's City Hall. Snacks, drinks and tours of the interior renovation. 4-6 p.m. FREE. Call 240-314-8603 for more information.

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Rockville Good Neighbor Nominations Due July 3

The City of Rockville is looking for a few "Good Neighbors."

Citizens are invited to nominate any adult or youth who has made exceptional contributions to improve the quality of life in their Rockville neighborhood for the fourth annual Mayor and Council Good Neighbor Awards program.

The deadline to submit nominations for those who have done outstanding deeds in their community must be submitted by July 3.

Past winners have ranged from persons who go out of their way to bring hot food or

shovel snow for local seniors to community activists who spend countless hours volunteering to assist with City issues.

Each nominee must be a resident of the City of Rockville, must have made their significant contribution between July 2005 and June 2006; demonstrated their efforts beyond the scope of citizen responsibilities; and demonstrated concern for their neighborhood or quality of life in Rockville. City employees are not eligible for the award.

"The 'Good Neighbor Awards' program has helped us recognize some of the many

people who just naturally help others in need. And in some cases, we have the opportunity to pay tribute to people who just see a situation and know they have to somehow take action," said Jenny Kimball, assistant to the city manager.

To nominate someone for exceptional service for this year's awards, submit a completed nomination to Dwayne Jenkins, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, Md. 20850 by July 3. The form and more information are available online at www.rockvillemd.gov/residents/ncs/gnaward.htm or contact Jenkins at 240-314-8343. **RR**

Ayuda para un niño adoptivo especial

Cada año, cerca de 100 niños del Condado de Montgomery son separados por un tiempo de sus padres. De esos 100 niños, hay algunos que necesitan la atención y el amor extra de padres adoptivos terapéuticos.

La tutela terapéutica ofrece a los niños con retos psiquiátricos, conductuales, emocionales o físicos la oportunidad de recibir orientación y atención intensivas, hogares sustitutos cariñosos y programas de apoyo.

El Programa Terapéutico de Padres Adoptivos (TFPP — Therapeutic Foster Parent

Program—) es un programa nuevo del Organismo de Servicios Familiares, Inc. (Family Services Agency, Inc.), que establece contratos con los Servicios para el Bienestar Infantil del Condado de Montgomery (Montgomery County Child Welfare Services). El programa, que atiende a niños que hablan inglés o español, incluye servicios para las familias del área de Rockville. En este momento, TFPP está en busca de familias que estén dispuestas a actuar como huéspedes de esos niños adoptivos con necesidades especiales.

TFPP es una alternativa importante para los niños que, de otro modo, podrían ser ubicados en el marco de la atención más restringida de los entornos institucionales u hospitalarios.

Después de que una familia voluntaria recibe entrenamiento intensivo, se le ofrece aún más apoyo permanente mediante una variedad de programas.

Para obtener más información sobre el programa, llame al 301-370-2223 o visite la página web en: www.family-servicesagency.org. **RR**

— Translated by
Victoria Imas-Duchoyny

FY'07 Budget Items of Interest

Homeowners' Property Tax Credits Available

Rockville residents with low-incomes who own homes may receive increased tax credits through recent changes in Maryland's property tax credit program. The City also is considering changes to its program to be able to assist even more homeowners in FY 2007.

The Rockville Homeowners' Property Tax Credit program, first approved in the FY 2006 budget, supplements the State of Maryland Homeowners' Property Tax Credit program that caps property tax liability depending on the household's ability to pay.

Rockville homeowners

who qualified for the state program automatically received a City credit, in addition to the state credit, up to the amount of the household's city tax liability. More than 350 Rockville households that signed up for the new tax credit program received reimbursement checks from the City in 2006.

In FY07 even more homeowners will be eligible to take advantage of the program through changes made to the state program. Specific details about changes in the City's program will soon be announced.

For information on how to apply, call 240-314-8400. **RR**

Water and Sewer Rate Structure Changes

The Mayor and Council are expected on June 5 to adopt a change to Rockville's water and sewer rate structure.

Currently, all users of Rockville-provided water pay the same rate. If adopted as part of the FY 2007 budget process, an alternative rate structure would be put in place that would have those that use less water generally pay less than they do under the current structure.

This aspect should encourage water conservation.

The city currently has a flat rate of \$2.26 per 1,000 gallons, based only on consumption. The new water rates would be on a consumption-based scale, beginning with \$1.62 per 1,000 gallons for the first 12,000 gallons used. The rate for the next 12,000 gallons would be \$2.33. The rate per 1,000 gallons over 24,000 gallons used would be \$2.50.

It is estimated that a "typical" Rockville homeowner would see lower water bills on average in the ensuing year.

Sewer rates would go from \$3.75 to \$3.63 per 1,000 gallons in FY 07.

All users will pay a new ready-to-serve charge on each quarterly bill, similar to those already charged by most utility companies in the region. The charge would be based on the size of water meters, with the charge split between the water and sewer funds.

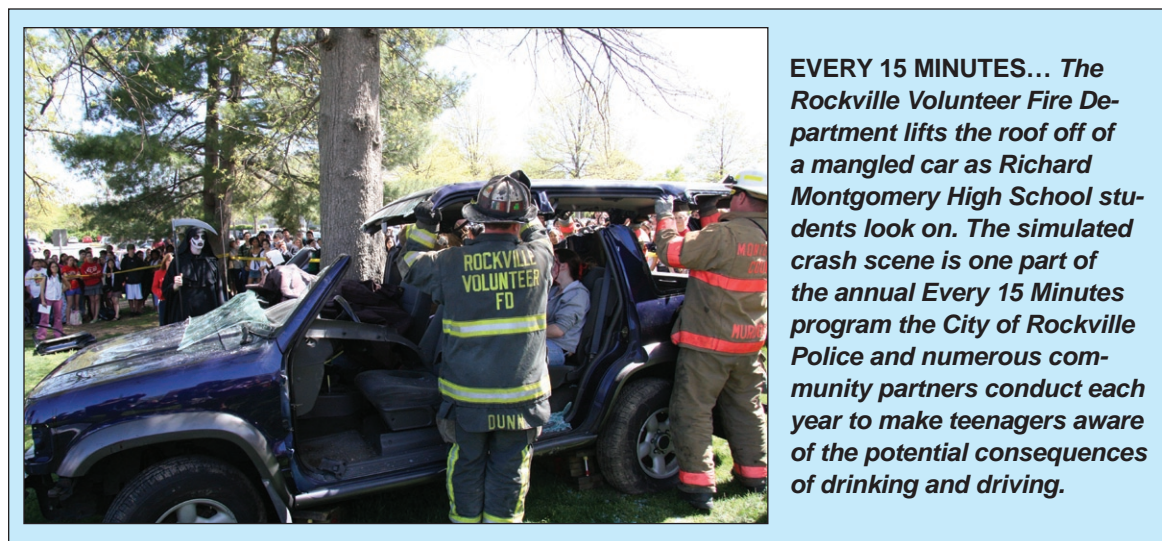
Users with three-quarter inch meters (average Rockville homes) would pay \$9 per quarter. Those with one-inch-sized meters—which include most newer homes that are equipped with fire sprinklers—would be assessed \$15 per quarter.

The new rate structure is expected to benefit average homeowners while shifting additional costs to consumers of larger amounts, who are more taxing on the City's water system infrastructure.

If approved, the new rates would go into effect July 1.

For more information, visit www.rockvillemd.gov or call 240-314-8400. **RR**

Budget Adoption: June 5



EVERY 15 MINUTES... *The Rockville Volunteer Fire Department lifts the roof off of a mangled car as Richard Montgomery High School students look on. The simulated crash scene is one part of the annual Every 15 Minutes program the City of Rockville Police and numerous community partners conduct each year to make teenagers aware of the potential consequences of drinking and driving.*



BUZZING FOR NATURE AT CROYDON CREEK... *Rockville's Croydon Creek Nature Center's first "Spring Col-lage Festival" in April was a success. The event featured several family friendly activities, including a display by the Montgomery County Beekeepers Association (right).*



RDOG Sniffing for Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to assist the advisory group RDOG (Rockville Dog Owners Group) with activity planning and monitoring of the new Rockville dog park at Mattie J. T. Stepanek Park. The dog park is scheduled to open this fall.

To volunteer: Contact Jill Barsky at 301-651-7781 or jillbarsky@aol.com

INSIDE MAYOR & COUNCIL

A Glimpse into the
City Government at Work

Mayor and Council Look At Plans for New Thomas Farm Community Center

The future Thomas Farm Community Center, which will be the first Rockville community recreation center to be built west of Interstate 270, will be complete with facilities, equipment and programs for all ages.

The Mayor and Council on May 8 were given a detailed look at the center, which will be located at the corner of West Montgomery Avenue and Falls Grove Drive in the Falls Grove community. Construction is expected to start this summer, with the center scheduled to open in late 2007.

The center will include a gymnasium, two multi-purpose rooms, a game room, a fitness center, a kitchen, locker rooms, offices, storage and a parking lot.

Programs at the facility will feature sports, fitness, dance, life skills, afterschool activities and more. Senior citizen activities will be emphasized during weekday, daytime hours.

"Green building" principles will be utilized in constructing the building.

The Mayor and Council suggested the possibility of including a movable stage, as well as more signage along Maryland Route 28 in addition to the sign planned at the facility's entrance on Falls Grove Drive.

Other ideas being considered as design plans evolve include expanding the kitchen for catering purposes, expanding the parking capabilities and working with Montgomery County's Ride-On service to add a bus stop near the building.

Current project cost is estimated to be \$4.6 million. Maryland's Program Open Space will contribute \$1.5 million to this cost. During its 2006 session, the Maryland General Assembly approved a \$250,000 bond bill toward the funding.

For more information visit www.rockvillemd.gov/cip/thomasfarmcc.htm. **RR**



BREAKING GROUND FOR A NEW BRIDGE... From left to right: **Montgomery County Councilmember Phil Andrews, Rockville Councilmembers Anne Robbins and Bob Dorsey, Maryland State Senator Jennie Forehand, State Delegate Kumar Barve, Rockville Councilmember Susan Hoffmann and Mayor Larry Giammo broke ground in May for the final major component to the City's bicycle network—a pedestrian/bike bridge over I-270 at Maryland Route 28/West Montgomery Avenue. It is expected to be completed in late 2007.**

T-Mobile Applies for Cell Tower at Julius West

T-Mobile's application to build a 70-foot cellular tower, also called a "monopole," at the rear of the Julius West Middle School property is tentatively scheduled to be considered by the Rockville Planning Commission on June 28 and by the Board of Appeals on July 8.

There will be an opportunity for citizen comments at each of the meetings.

One part of the application is for a Special Exception. The Planning Commission will make a recommendation to the Board of Appeals, which has final say on the Special Exception. If the board approves it, the matter then goes

to the Mayor and Council for consideration of a waiver of the 50-foot height limit for monopoles located in or within 500 feet of residentially zoned areas.

If the matter goes to the Mayor and Council, there will be another opportunity for public comment.

If both the Special Exception and the height waiver are approved by the City, T-Mobile will still have to get approval from the school and the school district.

For more information on this application and other land-use matters, call the City's Department of Community Planning and Development Services at 240-314-8200. **RR**



FIRST RETAIL IN METRO PLAZA OPENS IN NEW TOWN CENTER... National Institutes of Health Federal Credit Union (NIHFCU) President and CEO Lindsay A. Alexander, Mayor Larry Giammo (fourth from right), Montgomery County Department of Economic Development Robert McGinnity (far left) and members of NIHFCU's Board of Directors, Executive and Management staff, cut a ribbon to officially open NIHFCU's new Rockville Metro Plaza Branch.

Board of Appeals Approves Cell Tower in Twinbrook Community Mayor and Council to Consider Approval For Waiver of Height Law on June 19

The Rockville Board of Appeals has approved a Special Exception for Sprint's (APC Realty & Equipment LLC) proposed cellular phone tower, also called a "monopole," at the rear of the Twinbrook Mart Shopping Center at 2001 Veirs Mill Road.

The approval, though, is conditioned on the Mayor and Council approving a waiver of the 50-foot height limit for this type of facility when it is located within 500 feet of a residentially zoned area.

Sprint is proposing a 98-foot tall monopole. After the board's decision and findings are put in writing, the waiver of the height limit will go to the Mayor and Council. The Mayor and Council's public hearing is tentatively set for June 19.

The Planning Commission was the first public body to review Sprint's application for a Special Exception. On April 19, the commission voted to make an "unfavorable" recommendation to the Board of Appeals.

In addition to making its approval subject to Mayor and Council approval of the height waiver, the Board of Appeals also attached several other conditions to its approval.

For more information, including a complete list of conditions, visit www.rockvillemd.gov, click on "Boards and Commissions" and then "Board of Appeals." Or contact the City's Department of Community Planning and Development Services at 240-314-8200. **RR**

Board of Appeals Opening

There is an opening on Rockville's Board of Appeals and the City is now accepting applications for that vacancy.

The Board hears and decides all appeals and applications for variances and special exceptions, as provided for in the Zoning Ordinance or other ordinances of the City. There

are three members and one alternate.

Meetings are held the first Saturday of the month. Members elect their own chairperson and serve for overlapping three-year terms.

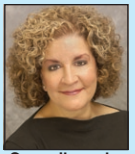
For more information, contact the Office of the City Clerk at 240-314-8280. **RR**



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Larry Giammo



Councilmember
Bob Dorsey



Councilmember
Susan R. Hoffmann



Councilmember
Phyllis Marcuccio



Councilmember
Anne M. Robbins

Mayor & Council Drop In

The Mayor and one Councilmember are available to meet with residents on a drop-in basis in the Mayor and Council office at City Hall from 5:30-6:30 p.m. one Monday per month. Call the City Clerk's Office (240-314-8280) as drop-in times are subject to change.

In addition to Mayor Giammo, the Councilmember scheduled for June is:

- **Monday, June 19:** Phyllis Marcuccio

Mayor & Council Meetings

All General Sessions, Worksessions and Public Hearings are televised on The Rockville Channel (TRC 11), and are available on streaming video at: www.rockvillemd.gov. Citizens may comment on any subject for up to three minutes during the "Citizens Forum" portion at most general session meetings. All meetings are subject to change.

- **June 5 (Mon.)** Citizens' Forum. Budget adoption, 7 p.m.
- **June 12 (Mon.)** Public Hearings: Mount Vernon Place (tentative), Champion Billiards, Centex Homes. Discussion of art in Town Center, 7 p.m.
- **June 19 (Mon.)** Citizens' Forum. Public Hearings: King Farm Farmstead and Twinbrook Cell Tower, 7 p.m.

Boards & Commissions Vacancies

The City is seeking applicants for appointment to the following:

- Board of Appeals (alt.)
- Cultural Arts Commission (one)
- Human Services Advisory Commission (two consumer and one at-large)
- Human Rights Commission (one)
- Montgomery Community Television (MCT) Board of Directors (City of Rockville rep.)
- Rec. and Parks Advisory (youth)
- Rockville Housing Enterprises (one)
- Rockville Scholarship Foundation (one)
- Rockville Sister City Corp. (one)
- Senior Citizens Commission (one)
- Traffic and Transportation Commission (one)

For more information, contact the Office of the City Clerk at 240-314-8280.

OUT & ABOUT IN ROCKVILLE

Highlighting City Events and Programs



Cyclists enjoyed a 10.6-mile bicycle ride on the City of Rockville Millennium Trail at its May grand opening.

City Rolls Out New Millennium Trail

Five Years in the Making 10.6-mile Path Circles City As Innovative "Bicycle Beltway"

More than 150 walkers, cyclists and runners gathered in the Falls Grove community on Saturday, May 6, to celebrate the official grand opening of the City's Millennium trail, a 10.6-mile "bicycle beltway" around the City.

"The Millennium Trail is the backbone of the City's bicycle route system," Mayor Larry Giammo told the crowd.

The "Millennium Trail" earned its name in honor of its first major grant received in 2000. The majority of its funding—\$2.2 million from a total \$3 million—was through four grants from the Federal Transportation Enhancement Program.

The Millennium Trail took five years to complete. It features mile markers that tell users how far they have gone on the route. It crosses four major roads in the City—Maryland Route 28, Rockville Pike, Interstate 270 and Falls Road—and is one part of the City's overall bikeway network that was approved in 1998.

To help promote use of the new trail and bicycle network, the City has produced a free Bicycle Map that is available at its facilities and on its Web site. For more details on bicycle activities and tips on how to get started, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation/bicycling. **RR**

African Dance and Drumming Kicks Off Kids, Parks, Performing Arts on June 27

An exhilarating introduction to West African culture is in store for those who attend Rockville's opening performance of its annual free "Kids, Parks, Performing Arts" outdoor family summer series.

On Tuesday, June 27, at 7:30 p.m. in College Gardens Park, Kofi Dennis and Kwame Brew of "Anansegromma of Ghana" will perform a combination of African dance, drumming, games and storytelling.

For 17 years, Rockville has turned City neighborhood parks into outdoor family theatres in summer. That tradition will continue this summer with local and regional entertainers combining for the 2006 series.

The summer program is

sponsored by KSI Services, Inc. in conjunction with the City of Rockville and Class Acts Arts.

Seven performances are scheduled from June 27-Aug. 15 and will be held each Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. The family-friendly, hour-long performances will take place at a different Rockville park each evening and feature a wide variety of entertainment.

In addition to Anansegromma of Ghana, performers will include "Goombay – the Caribbean Experience" in Falls Grove Park on July 11; "Patricia Shih" on the Glenview Mansion grounds at Rockville Civic Center Park on July 18; "Cantaré – Fiesta! A Celebration of Life

in Latin America" in Potomac Woods Park on July 25; "Paul Hadfield – The Funny Guy" at King Farm Park on Aug. 1; "Renaissance Man" at the Twinbrook Community Recreation Center on Aug. 8; and "Michael Chamberlin – Magician" at Montrose Park on Aug. 15.

Each performance is planned for the outdoors. However, due to inclement weather, the location may change to Glenview Mansion. Call 240-314-8682 after 6:30 p.m. on the day of the show to confirm the show's location and obtain directions.

Guests are encouraged to bring a lawn chair or blanket for comfortable outdoor seating. **RR**

Hot Fun in the Summer Sun Children in Rockville Can Drop In and Play Through City's Summer Playgrounds Program

Advanced registration is underway for children who wish to participate in supervised Rockville playground activities at 10 of the area's play sites this summer.

Children ages 6 through 12 can drop in Monday-Friday between 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to experience fun and enriching arts, crafts, sports, games, field trips and much more. (Note: Five-year-olds entering first grade this fall are eligible to participate.)

The popular Summer Playgrounds Program, which has been in operation for more than 60 years, is one of the longest running recreation programs in the City.

"The Summer Playgrounds Program is a great way for neighborhood children to get to know each other in a fun, relaxed and supervised environ-



Children enjoy a special kite making and flying day through the City's Summer Playgrounds program.

ment," said Karen Rawlins, a Rockville community recreation programs supervisor. "Some children bring a lunch and stay all day, or some come just in the morning and afternoon."

Regular playground activities start Monday, June 26, and end Thursday, Aug. 3. Programs will not be held July 4.

Advanced registration is required. A one-time fee of \$55 per child is charged for residents and \$179 for non-residents for the summer. A discounted family group rate

of \$150 is available for three or more children in the same household. The Rockville Recreation Fund offers scholarship for families who receive public assistance.

Online registration is available until June 26. After opening day, the registration form can be returned by fax, mail or delivered to Rockville City Hall. Registrations are not accepted at the local playground sites.

For information, call 240-314-8633. **RR**

Summer Patio Performances: Rockville Concert Band Plays in Civic Center Park on June 20

The sounds of Sousa, Holst and other famous composers can be heard throughout the year in Rockville's F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre, but the popular foot-tapping tunes can now be heard outdoors through the second annual "Patio Performance" Summer Concert Series offered by the Rockville Concert Band.

The first performance of the summer will take place on Tuesday, June 20, starting at 7 p.m. behind the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. The free fam-

ily-friendly entertainment will feature the live performance of classical, popular and Broadway show tunes by the 75-member band.

Future Summer Patio Performances are planned for Tuesdays, July 18 and Aug. 1, at the same time and place.

There also will be an opportunity to explore the lush grounds of Rockville Civic Center Park and enjoy the annual "Sculpture on The Grounds" outdoor art exhibit.

"This unique opportunity to experience art and music among the beauty of Civic Center Park is something everyone should take advantage of," said Vince Patterson, director of the band.

In addition, those who are proficient on an instrument and who are college-aged or older, are invited to perform with the band for one or more of the summer shows.

For more information or to participate in an upcoming performance, call 240-314-8681. **RR**



PEERLESS ROCKVILLE AWARDS... Each year Peerless Rockville honors those dedicated to historic preservation. This year's recipients: (left to right) Bradd Mizell, Michael Beckish and Stephen J. Beck (honored for the restoration of a 1880s cottage); Bill and Kristine Dudley, of Bill's Contracting, (for an attic renovation at the Bretscher residence at 300 Reading Avenue); and the Bretscher family. Not pictured is Richard Sprecher, a teacher at Julius West Middle School (for outstanding contributions in heritage education). The 2006 Arthur M. Wagman Award for Historic Preservation Communication was presented to photographer Dean Evangelista (kneeling left) in recognition of his long-term commitment to documenting Rockville's history, events and architectural character.

In Brief

Refuse and Facility Schedules for May 29

Rockville City Hall will close on Monday, May 29, as the City joins in the celebration of Memorial Day.

In addition to City Hall, most Rockville facilities and programs will not operate on May 29, or will operate on a limited basis.

The City will not collect refuse or recycling on the holiday. Residents with scheduled collections for that day should put out their refuse or recycling on the next regularly scheduled collection day. Those participating in the pilot refuse program should put out their refuse and recycling on Wed., May 31.

CALL **240-314-8568** FOR INFO

Rockville Honored For Tree Program

The National Arbor Day Foundation has named Rockville a "Tree City USA" for the 17th year.

The award is given to communities that make commitment to forestry programs and meet specific criteria.

Rockville's programs also have been honored by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. It recently presented Rockville for the fifth

time with a "P.L.A.N.T. Award." P.L.A.N.T. stands for People Loving and Nurturing Trees.

CALL **240-314-8710** FOR INFO

Montgomery County Heritage Day June 24

Peerless Rockville, the organization dedicated to preserving the City's history, will be conducting a tour of the 1891 Red Brick Courthouse in Town Center as part of the ninth annual Montgomery County Heritage Day on Saturday, June 24, from 12 noon-4 p.m.

On Heritage Day, Peerless Rockville also will provide information on Rockville's role during the times of the Underground Railroad and will tell history buffs about Rockville's "recent past."

For more information, visit www.peerlessrockville.org for tour times and other local history resources.

CALL **301-762-0096** FOR INFO

National Night Out Coordinators Sought

The City is currently searching for volunteers to help organize neighborhood activities for National Night Out on Tuesday, Aug. 1.

To become involved, contact Community Service Officer Jan Seilhamer at 240-314-8922.

CALL **240-314-8922** FOR INFO

Croydon Nature Center Hunts for Naturalist

Rockville's Croydon Creek Nature Center is seeking a part-time nature lover/educator to conduct natural history themed birthday parties and to assist with delivery of school programs. Outstanding customer service skills are necessary.

A City of Rockville application is required. For an application, visit www.rockvillemd.gov or apply in person at the City's Personnel Office at 111 Maryland Ave.

CALL **240-314-5037** FOR INFO

Rockville's Camps Make Summer Cool

Opportunities are still available to participate in Rockville's Summer Camps Program, which is scheduled to begin in June.

For more information, visit www.rockvillemd.gov and click on "RockEnroll; pick-up a Summer Camps Guide; or call 240-314-8620.

CALL **240-314-8620** FOR INFO

F. Scott Conference Short Stories Due

There is still time for those hoping to compete for the prestigious awards in the F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Conference Open Short Story Contest (residents of any age from Maryland, Virginia



*The Renovations are Now Complete
You Are Invited to the Rededication
of Rockville City Hall*



Open House and Tour

Monday, June 12 · 4-6 p.m.

*Rockville City Hall Lobby at 111 Maryland Avenue
FREE, no RSVP required.*

City Summer Camp Positions Available

Rockville's Department of Recreation and Parks is currently accepting applications for energetic, fun-long, creative and enthusiastic camp leaders and directors. Most programs begin on June 21, with training prior to that.

Salaries are competitive. For details on available positions and to get an application, call 240-314-5037.

CALL **240-314-5037** FOR INFO

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7,14,21,28 Out to Lunch Wednesdays 11 a.m.-1 p.m. East Montgomery Avenue. 240-314-5022

2,9,26,23,30

MOBY Medical Clinic 9:30-11:30 a.m. Lincoln Park Community Recreation Center. 301-493-2400

3 Town Center Walking Tours

Free 45-minute walking tours of the new Rockville Town Square development. 240-314-8345

3,10,17,24 Rockville

Growers Only Farmers' Market 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Route 28 and Monroe Street. Free parking. 240-314-5022

14 Flag Day Ceremony 7 p.m.

Elks Lodge No. 15, 5 Taft Court, Rockville. 240-314-5022

17 Off-Leash Dog Testing

10 a.m. Swim Center Outdoor Entrance Parking Lot. 240-314-8930

24 Heritage Day Open House

and City Tours 12 noon to 4 p.m. Red Brick Courthouse in Town Center. 301-762-0096

ARTS

The Glenview Mansion Art Gallery and F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre are located in Rockville's Civic Center Park. Arts Hotline: 240-314-5006. Tickets may be purchased online at www.rockvillemd.gov/theatre. Service charges apply.

3 Ballet Class Recital 1 p.m. Call for tickets. 240-314-8690.

3 Coral Cantigas Quinceanero Concert Celebrate the 15th anniversary of Rockville's Latin American chorus. Show features Latino choral repertoire and the festive sounds of the Mariachi band "Los Amigos." A

reception follows the concert. 8 p.m. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. Tickets: \$25 adults; \$23 seniors (65 and older); \$20 students (with valid ID); \$1 children (12 and under). Group prices available. 240-314-8690.

4-27 Glenview Mansion Art

Gallery: BJ Adams—fiber and related drawings; Ronni Jolles—mixed media (fiber/paper); Markow & Norris—hand-woven glass sculpture, glass; Robert Wiener—art glass. Opening reception: June 4, 1-4 p.m. Artist talk: June 15, 7:30 p.m. Guided tour: June 16, 10 a.m. Glenview Mansion. 240-314-8660.

4 Sunday Afternoon Concert Series: Mary Sue Twohy

Traditional and contemporary concert celebrates the opening of this month's art exhibition. 2 p.m. Glenview Mansion. 240-314-8682.

4-Oct. 15 "Sculpture on

the Grounds" Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit Civic Center Park grounds. Opening reception: Sunday, June 5, 1 p.m. Glenview Mansion. FREE. 240-314-8681

8,9,10,11,16,17 Victorian Lyric Opera Company:

"Princess Ida" 8 p.m. (Sun., June 11, 2 p.m.) Tickets: \$20 adults; \$15 children and seniors. June 11 special: Two free students tickets with each paying adult. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. 240-314-8690

22,23,24 The Musical

Theatre Center: "Footloose" Thurs., Fri. 7:30 p.m. Sat. 2 p.m. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. Tickets: \$16.50 adults; \$14.50 children and seniors; \$7.50 senior matinee (Saturday only). 301-251-5766

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calendar of events

RES. = Residents • NR. = Non Residents • MEM. = Member • NM. = Non Member

27 Kids, Parks, Performing Arts: Anansegromma of Ghana 7:30 p.m. College Gardens Park. FREE. Rain site: Glenview Mansion. 240-314-8682

NATURE

All programs are at the Croydon Creek Nature Center, 852 Avery Road, Rockville Civic Center Park, unless noted. Registration is required. Register online at www.rockvillemd.gov or call 240-314-8770.

9 Bats—Nature's Bug Zapper 8:30-9:30 a.m. All ages. \$4 RES/\$5 NR.

14 Tiny Tot Walk—Beetles, Beetles, Beetles! Meet patent leather beetles and search for others outside. 10:30-11:15 a.m. Ages 1 ½-2. \$4 RES/\$5 NR.

14 Tyke Hike—Beetles, Beetles, Beetles! 1-2 p.m. Ages 3-5. \$4 RES/\$5 NR.

19-23 Guppy Camp 9:30 a.m.-12 noon. Ages 5-7. \$75 RES/\$80 NR.

19-23 Nature Explorations Camp 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Ages 7-11. \$210 RES/\$230 NR.

26-30 The Nature of the Underground Railroad Camp 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Ages 8-12. \$230 RES/\$265 NR.

SENIORS

All programs are at the Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive, unless noted. Phone: 240-314-8800

1 Take Me Out To The Ballgame Trip: Frederick Keys 5-11 p.m. \$20 MEM/\$25 NM. Register by May 26.

5 Once Upon A Time Book Club 10:15-11:15 a.m. FREE. Register by May 29.

6,13 Watercolor In The Garden 1-3p.m. \$15 MEM/\$20 NM. Register by May 30.

6 FDA: Drug Evaluation and Research 1-2 p.m. FREE

7 Birthday and Anniversary Party 1:30-3 p.m. FREE. Register by May 25.

7 Clarify Computer Concepts 10 a.m.-12 noon \$6 MEM/\$8 NM

8 Summer Trip Registration 10:30 a.m. FREE.

12,27,29 Computers-Beginners \$5 MEM/\$7 NM

13-15 Database Creation 10 a.m.-12 noon \$15 MEM/\$18 NM

13 A Life Of My Own – Eleanor Roosevelt 10:30 a.m.-12 noon. \$4 MEM/\$7 NM. Register by June 6.

21 Classical Music Appreciation – Magic of Overture 1-2:30 p.m. FREE. Register by June 14.

23 Drum Circle Demonstration 2-3 p.m. FREE. Register by June 16.

27 Kennedy Center Trip –"MAME" 5-11:30 p.m. \$112 MEM/\$140 NM. Register by June 2.

28 The Jefferson Café – Teaching Values In Schools 1-2:30 p.m. FREE Register by June 21.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

All meetings are at City Hall unless otherwise noted.

3 Board of Appeals, 9:30 a.m.

13 Commission on the Environment, 7:30 p.m.

13 Human Services Advisory Comm., 7:30 p.m. Glenview Mansion

14 Planning Commission, 7 p.m.

14 Cultural Arts Comm., 7 p.m.

14 Rockville Bike Advisory, 7:15 p.m.

15 Senior Citizens Commission, 10 a.m. Senior Center

16 Historic District Commission, 7 p.m.

16 Rockville Sister City Corporation, 7:30 p.m., Senior Center

20 Town Center Action Team, 7 p.m., Rockville Chamber of Commerce

20 Rockville Seniors, Inc., 1 p.m., Senior Center

21 Sign Review Board, 4 p.m.

21 Rockville Housing Enterprises, 6:30 p.m., Lincoln Park C.C.

22 Rec. and Parks Advisory Board, 6 p.m., Tour: Meet at City Hall

27 Traffic and Transportation Commission, 7:30 p.m.

28 Planning Commission, 7 p.m.

28 Human Rights Commission, 7:30 p.m.

28 REDI Board Meeting, 7:30 a.m. 95 Monroe Street (call 301-315-8096)

Rockville Up Close: Celebrate Twinbrook

Residents help shape Rockville through involvement with neighborhood and civic associations and participation on Mayor and Council-appointed Boards and Commissions. On a regular basis, Rockville Up Close will take an in-depth look at these organizations.



The Twinbrook Citizens’ Association held its annual “Twinbrook in the Park” event on April 29. Residents participated in a stream cleanup followed by a festival with a moon-bounce for kids and safety information from McGruff the Crime Dog (representing the City of Rockville Police).

‘Sculpture on the Grounds’ Celebrates 20 Years

The lush green grasses surrounding the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre is a canvas again this year for regional artists during the 20th annual “Sculpture On The Grounds” exhibit. The show is open daily from June 4 through Oct. 15 and features a variety of large-scale, outdoor artwork. Six artists hailing from Massachusetts, New York and Maryland will display an eclectic mix of pieces made from materials suitable to be displayed outdoors throughout the summer. The materials used in this year’s exhibit range from aluminum, bronze, iron, brass and steel to more the exotic bluestone, granite, lava and glass. Rockville resident Malcolm

Hally will display his “Time Out” sculpture made of brass. Other pieces include Michael Guadagno’s “Kaleidoscope,” Don Herman’s “Flight,” Markey Brothers’s “Peggy,” Garrett Strang’s “Aloft,” and Glenn Zweygardt’s “Passion’s Guardian.” There will be an opening reception and walking tour of the show on Sunday, June 4, at 1 p.m. beginning in Glenview Mansion’s dining room. Self-guided tour maps are available on the first floor of Glenview Mansion and in the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre lobby. Rockville Civic Center Park is located at 603 Edmonston Drive. For more information call 240-314-8681 or visit www.rockvillemd.gov/arts/sog. RR



Lunchtime music lovers enjoy the sweet sounds of live music and great food at “Out to Lunch Wednesdays” each summer.

Food, Music and Farmers’ Market At ‘Out to Lunch Wednesdays’ This Summer

“Out to Lunch Wednesdays,” the weekly downtown lunchtime festival, will start off “swinging” in Rockville Town Center with free, live music from The John Cocuzzi Group, which is best known for its jump, jivin’ swing music. The City closes one block of East Montgomery Avenue—in front of Regal Cinemas and the adjoining restaurant row—each Wednesday for the festival that combines scrumptious food; shopping for the freshest Farmers’ Market products; a variety of other vendors; and listening to live music under sunny noontime skies. The

event runs from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. until October. Cocuzzi, a Washington, D.C. native, is a versatile multi-instrumentalist jazz musician. He gained an appreciation of jazz at an early age listening to his record collection and to his father, who was a percussionist with the U.S. Marine Band. On June 7, Cocuzzi and his group will be “swingin’ and burnin’” in Rockville Town Center to kick-off Out to Lunch Wednesdays. For more information visit www.rockvillemd.gov/events/otl. A list of the groups scheduled to perform through August is below. RR

Date	Band Name	Style of Music
June 7	The John Cocuzzi Group	Swing
June 14	Sandra Dean and Bill Euler	Classic Rock
June 21	Annapolis Bluegrass Coalition	Bluegrass
June 28	The Lovejoy Group	Latin Jazz, Afro-Rhythms
July 5	Swing Speak	Jazz
July 12	Janine Wilson	Blues
July 19	Back Roads Band	Retro Country
July 26	Elvis E	Elvis Impersonator
Aug. 2	Rock and Roll Revue	Oldies
Aug. 9	Squeeze Bayou	Traditional Cajun & Zydeco
Aug. 16	Rita Clarke and the Naturals	Bayou Rhythms
Aug. 23	Dixie Power Trio	New Orleans Jazz
Aug. 30	The Grandsons	Rock & Roll


Volunteer Time: Help a Special Foster Child

There are many ways to share talent, experience, expertise and time with individuals or organizations by volunteering in the City. Each month “Volunteer Time” highlights a different opportunity to promote an interest in giving back to the community.

Every year, about 100 children in Montgomery County are temporarily separated from their parents. Of these 100, there are some who need the extra care and love of therapeutic foster parents. Therapeutic foster care gives children with psychiatric, behavioral, emotional or physical challenges the opportunity to receive intensive guidance and attention, loving homes and supportive programs. The Therapeutic Foster Parent Program (TFPP) is a new program of the Family Services Agency, Inc., which contracts with Montgomery County Child Welfare Services. The program, which addresses children who speak English or Spanish, includes services for Rockville-area families. Now TFPP is seeking families that would be willing to serve as hosts to these special children.

“The program’s goal always is to unite children with the original family, but that is not always the outcome,” said Catherine Kabira, the program coordinator of TFPP. TFPP is an important alternative for children who otherwise might be placed in the more restricted care of institutional or hospital settings. After a volunteer family undergoes extensive training, it further receives ongoing support. More information on the program is available by calling 301-370-2223 or on the Web at www.familyservicesagency.org. “This program is an opportunity for families to really make a difference in a child’s life,” said Kabira. “Some of the success stories are remarkable. Some of these kids just need some structure in their lives—and an opportunity.” RR

TRC 11	THE ROCKVILLE CHANNEL JUNE PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE							✂ --- CLIP & SAVE ---
	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
12 Midnight until meeting ends	Planning Commission	Historic District Commission	Mayor & Council	Mayor & Council	Historic District Commission	Mayor & Council	Planning Commission	
6 a.m.	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	
6:30 a.m.	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	
7 a.m.	Air Quality Codes	Into the Blue	Air Quality Codes	Into the Blue	Air Quality Codes	Into the Blue	Air Quality Codes	
7:30 a.m.	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	
8 a.m.	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	
8:30 a.m.	Historic District Commission	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Mayor & Council	
9 a.m.		Every 15 Minutes	Mediation	Every 15 Minutes	Mediation	Every 15 Minutes		
9:30 a.m.		Air Quality Codes	Permit Process	Air Quality Codes	Permit Process	Air Quality Codes		
10 a.m.		Permit Process	Rockville U: Profiles	Permit Process	Rockville U: Profiles	Permit Process		
10:30 a.m.		Mediation		Mediation		Mediation		
11 a.m.		Turning the Corner on TC		Turning the Corner on TC		Turning the Corner on TC	Cityline	
11:30 a.m.	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	
12 noon	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	
12:30 p.m.	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	
1 p.m. until meeting ends	Mayor & Council	Planning Commission	Mayor & Council	Historic District Commission	Planning Commission	Mayor & Council	Planning Commission	
4 p.m.	Rockville's Recent Past: Modernism		Rockville's Recent Past: Modernism	Rockville's Recent Past: Modernism		Rockville's Recent Past: Modernism		
5 p.m.	Into the Blue	Every 15 Minutes	Into the Blue	Every 15 Minutes	Into the Blue	Every 15 Minutes	Into the Blue	
5:30 p.m.	Air Quality Codes	Rockville's Recent Past: 1950	Air Quality Codes	Rockville's Recent Past: 1950	Air Quality Codes	Rockville's Recent Past: 1950	Air Quality Codes	
6 p.m.	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	
6:30 p.m.	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	
7 p.m.	Planning Commission	Mayor & Council	Permit Process	Planning Commission	Permit Process	Mayor & Council	Permit Process	
7:30 p.m.			Rockville's Recent Past: 1950		Rockville's Recent Past: 1950		Rockville's Recent Past: 1950	
8 p.m.			ARNA Conference		ARNA Confer. Historic District Comm. (HDC) (3rd & 4th Thurs.)		ARNA Conference	
9:30 p.m.			Cityline		Cityline		Cityline	
10 p.m.	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	
10:30 p.m.	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	
11 p.m.	Every 15 Minutes	Into the Blue	Every 15 Minutes	Into the Blue	Every 15 Minutes	Into the Blue	Every 15 Minutes	
11:30p.m.	Mediation	Air Quality Codes	Mediation	Air Quality Codes	Mediation	Air Quality Codes	Mediation	



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